

# Ice, Heat, War, Peace All Parts of His Work

The newest addition to the ranks of Torrance ministers has preached under almost every conceivable condition—from icy Arctic wastes to sunny California and from shell-scarred battlefields to quiet, sedate church pulpits.

The Rev. Hugh R. Percy, new rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church here, is a veteran of 21 years in the ministry—as a pastor, missionary, and Canadian army chaplain to the famed Calgary Islanders. He arrived in Torrance only last Saturday from his former parish at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Winnipeg, Can.

His first impressions of California are only fragmentary as yet, although he noted that customs here are in many respects quite different from his native Canada. He has found much less formality here than in his homeland.

Moore Recommended  
His call to serve here came as a complete surprise to Rev. Percy. When the Rev. Andrew E. Beilo announced his resignation last summer, Alan S. Moore, a member of the church, recalled that he had once met Rev. Percy, who was a chaplain in the Canadian Army at the same time that Moore was a soldier.

Moore had been impressed by the chaplain and managed to find his Winnipeg address. Rev. Percy visited the local church several months ago and decided to accept the call.

"Each time I have moved, I have felt that it was a call of God," Rev. Percy said. "The local church seemed to need and want me, so I came. Some one had told me six months ago that I would be in California today. I would have thought that he was crazy."

Building Problem  
As pastor here, Rev. Percy was immediately confronted with a pressing problem—the fact that the rectory is being remodeled and he and his wife, Vivian, and two children, Charlotte, 13, and Timothy, 3, are now living in temporary quarters at 2267 Torrance Blvd.

Other problems of a building nature which may lie in the future for him may include addition of new quarters to help house the growing congregation. The church now has 335 members, but is expanding and two church services are necessary every Sunday.

His building problems here will be of a different nature from those which he faced as a missionary to the Indians and settlers in the area of Rupert's Island, far north in Canada. He recalled that in one settlement that he and a Swedish ax man had built a log church themselves after holding services in a dance hall for a long time.

Drove Dog Sled  
Eyelid the sunny Torrance landscape, he recalled that he had done his work in Canada at temperatures as low as 40 degrees below zero. His costume as a missionary often consisted of the fur parka and dog sled was often his mode of transportation.

While acting as a missionary at Wekusko Lake in the far north, he discovered an unlikely tutor in preparing for his new Testament. Greek exams—the younger son of a titled British family who had left home because of two loves—Greek classics and the bottle.

"I never dreamed I would be learning Greek under such conditions," Rev. Percy declared, "but that man really knew his Greek."

He managed to pass his Bachelor of Divinity degree with flying colors, but under the most adverse conditions. Returning

## Atom Force Named Topic This Sunday

"Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" This thought-arresting question is the subject of the Sunday-Sermon in all Christian Science churches.

The Golden Text is from Psalms (103:19): "The Lord hath prepared His throne in the heavens; and His kingdom ruleth over all."

God's omnipotence is affirmed in a Bible passage from Isaiah (45:12), "I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: . . . I have made the earth, and created man upon it; I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded."

Mary Baker Eddy declares in the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," "If God, the All-in-all, be the creator of the spiritual universe, including man, then everything entitled to a classification as truth, or Science, must be comprised in a knowledge or understanding of God, for there can be nothing beyond illimitable divinity" (p. 127).



REV. HUGH R. PERCY  
... From Ice and Snow to Heat and Smog

to Winnipeg, from Wekusko Lake, he was crossing some of the ice floes which separated the two areas when he lost his footing and slipped in the icy Arctic waters.

Caught Pneumonia  
He caught pneumonia as a result, but his exams were postponed and he finally took them, successfully.

Although his honeymoon back in 1938 was spent in the best American or Canadian traditions—at Niagara Falls—the Percy's first real home was a log cabin in the north country. During World War II, he served

## Baptists Plan Christmas Rites Sunday

A Cantata by the choir and a Christmas program by the Sunday School of the South Bay Baptist Church, 4565 Sharynne Lane, will be included in the pre-Christmas activities this week.

The cantata, "A Christmas Blessing" by C. Albert Scholin will be presented Sunday evening at 7:30 under the direction of Mrs. Erling Fredericksen, choir director. Following the service the young people of the church will be host to the monthly Conservative Baptist Sing. Youth groups meet preceding the evening worship at 8:30.

Rev. George F. Cain, pastor will bring the message "Emanuel, God With Us" at the morning worship service at 11. The choir will sing as their anthem "Gesu Bambino" (The Infant Jesus) by Pietro A. Yon. Junior Church service and infant and child care are maintained during the morning worship hour. Nursery facilities are available at all regular church services.

The Sunday School will hold its annual Christmas Program on Wednesday evening at 7:30. According to the Sunday School Superintendent, Gerald W. Stevenson, an old-fashioned Christmas program will be given with all departments of the Sunday School participating. Sunday School convenes at 9:45 o'clock each Sunday morning.

## First Baptist Plans Cantata This Sunday

"The Heavenly Child," by Bernard Hamblen, a Christmas Cantata with Scripture text, will be presented Sunday evening at 7:30 by the Adult Choir of the First Baptist Church, 2118 Carson St.

The Cantata, directed by Ted G. Wenhimer, choir director, will feature the choir, soloists, and group numbers. Rev. Nathan H. Bond, assistant pastor will speak at both morning services at 9 and 11 a.m., with Sunday School and Junior Church at the regular hours. Special music is also featured at the Morning Worship Services and Nursery services are provided for the children.

ed as a Canadian Army Chaplain, part of the time with the famed Calgary Islanders, and was wounded while serving in Holland. It was in England in 1942 that he met Moore, the man who later brought him to Torrance.

Church Expanded  
For the past 10 years, he has served St. Paul's in Winnipeg, and during his pastorate, membership rose from 150 to 450, and considerable expansion was required.

He also is a Kiwanian, a member of the executive committee of the diocese of Rupert's Island, chairman of the diocesan board of religious education, chairman of the diocesan committee on field work, member of the diocesan pension board, vice president of a missionary fellowship, and a member of the General Board of Religious Education in Canada.

Likes Skiing, Golf  
His main hobbies are golf and, not surprisingly, skiing. He also reads some, being a biography fan. His favorite character is Abraham Lincoln, and he has a collection of many of his writings and works about the 16th President.

## Rev. Stanton Plans Sermon On Christmas

Both music and sermon at the Central Evangelical United Brethren Church will emphasize the Christmas story for the next two Sundays, according to the Rev. Walter Stanton, pastor.

At 11 a.m. Sunday, Rev. Stanton will discuss, "His Name Shall Be Called—The Prince of Peace." At the 7 p.m. service, the church will see the movie, "The Life of Martin Luther."

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# Church News

## METHODISTS SET YOUTH PLAY, CHOIR CONCERT

The chancel choir of the Walteria Community Methodist Church will present its annual Christmas program this Sunday at 8 p.m., with a different arrangement of familiar Christmas carols. Mrs. William Mitchell is director.

Continuing the Yuletide festivities, family night observances will be held next Wednesday. At 7:30 p.m., the Rev. Gene Gehres will read the ac-Luke. The youth choir then will present an operetta, "Old Crosspatch," a Dutch Christmas tale.

Playing featured roles in the program will be Carla Cramer, Dean Hancock, Carol Hertzog,

Aylene Dailey, Marian Daniels, Carolyn Cummings, Doug Scott, Virginia Deuel, and Dick Whitmer. Bob Cramer will play the featured role, "Old Crosspatch." Mrs. Jean Cramer is director.

After the program, Loyd Reist will lead caroling by the audience. Then, all will adjourn to the educational unit for a visit with Santa Claus. The evening is sponsored by the Board of Education.

Climaxing the week, the church will be open on Christmas Eve from 6 to 11 p.m., for all who wish to take communion.

Rev. Gehres invited the public to attend the services at the church, 3646 Newton St.



DUTCH CHRISTMAS . . . Getting ready for their Christmas play, "Old Crosspatch," are these members of the Walteria Community Methodist Church. Carla Cramer, Dean Hancock, Carol Hertzog, and Virginia Deuel will participate in the play, which is based on an old Dutch tale of how townspeople persuaded the town miser to buy new clothes for the church.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

at the  
**South Bay Baptist Church**  
4565 SHARYNNE LANE  
Messages on Birth of Christ  
Sunday Morning, Dec. 18th & 25th

### Christmas Cantata

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CHRISTMAS SCENE . . . Rehearsing for this Sunday's presentation of "The Miracle of Nazareth" are these young people at the First Methodist Church. A series of scenes will depict the birth of Christ. Shown here, are Gerald Roberts, J. Gene Walker, Sally Bridgeman, Larry Drury, and Ed Hutchison.

## Methodist Pageant Set Sunday

All children in Torrance will be able to relive the first Christmas 2000 years ago by offering gifts at the feet of the Baby Jesus, Sunday, according to Mrs. Allen L. Pyeatt.

Mrs. Pyeatt is coordinator of a pageant, "The Miracle of Nazareth," to be presented by the youth of the First Methodist Church at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Torrance Civic Auditorium. After the pageant, youngsters will file to the front of the auditorium to give their gifts, which later will be given to needy families in the area.

Living pictures on the stage will tell the story of the birth of Jesus, Mrs. Pyeatt said. The Rev. Don Shelby will narrate and Mrs. Richard Brundin will direct the youth choir. Michael Mullen will play the piano accompaniment for the choir, augmented by the junior department.

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## Torrance Church CALENDAR

<b>CENTRAL CHURCH</b> EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN Marcelina & Arlington Rev. Walter M. Stanton FA. 8-2910 7:00 - Morning Worship 8:00 - Youth Fellowship 9:30 - Sunday School Midweek Worship Service 7:00 Wednesday Evening	<b>SOUTH BAY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 4565 Sharynne Lane Rev. G. F. Cain, Pastor Sunday School 9:30 A.M. Morning Worship 10:45 A.M. Training Union 8:30 P.M. Evening Church Service— FA. 8-2910 Bible Study and Prayer— Wed. 7:30 P.M. Nursery and Toddler Care	<b>ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> "The Church of the Lutheran Hour" 18002 S. Prairie Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Family Worship Service, 11 a.m. Mr. Richard Quina, Vice 4060 Manhattan Beach Blvd. Frontier 2-6488	<b>TORRANCE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 1501 W. Carson St. Phone 8-4080 Rev. Fredson Brunsen, Minister 1502 W. 21st St. Phone 8-0564 9:45 Sunday School Hour 8:45 Youth Hour 7:30 Evening Evangelistic Service	<b>WALTERIA COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH</b> Newton & W. Walteria Gene M. Gehres, Minister Phone FR 5-6545 7:30 Church Services 9:30 and 11:00 MIDWINTER Wednesday— Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. PUBLC. INVITED	<b>HOPE CHURCH EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN</b> 3347 W. 77th St. 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School 10:45 a.m.—Morning Worship 7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship Church Fellowship Night— Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.	<b>SEASIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> (Evangelical and Reformed) 22502 Ocean Avenue Rev. Richard A. M. Pastor Telephone FA 8-2922 9:30 a.m. Church School for Children of all ages and 11:00 adults 10:45 a.m. Church Service, Child Care provided at church service. Visitors welcome.	<b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> 1217 Cravens Ave. R. E. Prout—Minister Bible School— 9:45 Worship Hour— 10:45 Evening Service— 7:00 Wed. Evening Service— 7:30	<b>NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 4447 Engracia Avenue Patrick McGuinness, Pastor Telephone FA 8-2778 Schedules of Masses and Services Seven Sunday Masses—8:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 and 12:00. One Mass at 9:30 A.M. in St. Joseph's Church 2314 W. Del Amo Blvd. (Pueyco) Torrance Class into the truths of Religion every Thursday night at 8:00 P.M. in the Rectory, 1447 Engracia Ave. Confessions Three Times on Saturday—8:00, 10:00 and 12:00. \$100 to 6:00 P.M., 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. on Saturday, 9:30 a.m. and Sundays at 2:00 P.M. First Com- munion Class and Infant Care at Nativity Annex, 1415 Engracia Ave., on Sundays from 9:45 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.	<b>SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST</b> Corner of Acadia & Bonanza Elder Glenn L. Goffar, Pastor Phone FA. 8-1540 Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Church— 11 a.m. Evening meetings Young People's meeting— Wed., 7:30 p.m. Friday, 7:00 p.m.	<b>LOMITA MISSIONARY CHURCH</b> 2043 Lomita Blvd., Lomita Sunday School 10 a.m. Morning Service . . . 11:00 a.m. Evening Evangelistic Service Youth Service . . . 8:30 Sunday eve. Evening Prayer Service Midweek Service 7:30 Wed. eve. Rev. Whitlum—PASTOR
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